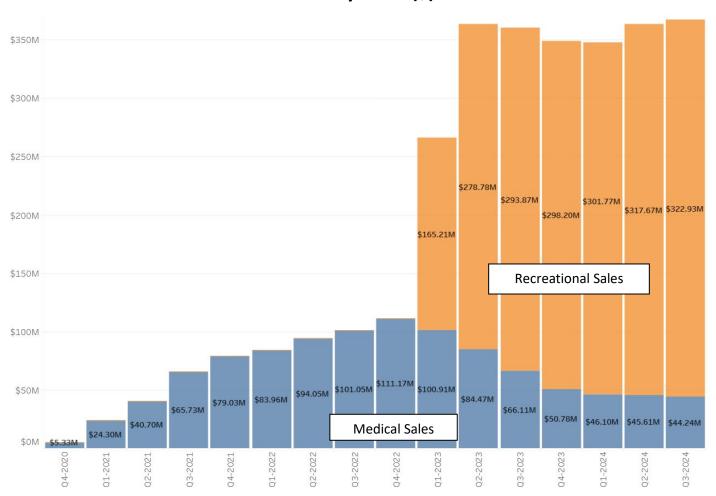
MARIJUANA DISPENSARY DENSITY IN MISSOURI

In 2018, medical cannabis use became legal in Missouri, and in 2022, recreational sales became legal. Medical cannabis sales decreased as recreational use was legalized. Since 2023, recreational sales have remained steady.

Monthly Sales (\$)



Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, "Monthly Sales Dashboard", 2024. The graph above was retrieved from here. Access the link for more information about cannabis sales.

Because state law dictates only a set number of dispensary licenses may be issued, a lottery process is used to determine who may sell cannabis in Missouri. As part of the application process, each applicant must submit a voluntary plan to which describes how they might encourage participation in the cannabis industry in communities that "have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition". Missouri law restricts the establishment of a cannabis dispensary within 1,000 feet of any existing elementary or

secondary school, child day-care center, or church. These laws affect the distribution of dispensaries in the state. The comprehensive law around recreational sales is located here.

Since legalization, cannabis dispensaries began appearing across the state, primarily in the metropolitan areas of Missouri, including the Saint Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, and Columbia regions.

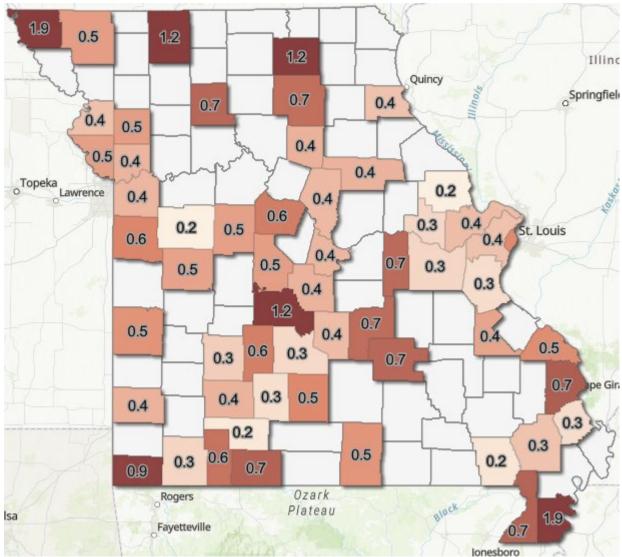
A three-county region around Saint Louis, including Saint Louis County (35), Saint Louis City (16), and Saint Charles County (15), has 66 dispensaries. A two-county region surrounding Kansas City, including Jackson County (28) and Clay County (10), have 38 dispensaries. Because of these clusters of counties with large amounts of dispensaries, Saint Louis and Kansas City areas are the densest hubs for cannabis dispensaries in Missouri.

Cannabis Dispensaries by County III Quincy Spring Lawrence 3516^{St. Louis} Ozark Rogers Plateau Isa Fayetteville

Cannabis dispensary density, or the measurement of cannabis dispensaries per 10,000 residents, was calculated according to county and shown in the following map. Calculating the density this way adjusts for population.

Atchison (1.9), Pemiscot (1.9), Harrison (1.2), Adair (1.2), and Camden (1.2) counties all have between one and two cannabis dispensaries per 10,000 residents.

Cannabis Dispensary Density Per 10,000 Residents by County



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